



PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Klaus Frommann, et al.
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METAL CASTING
Examiner: Caitlin A. Fogarty
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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

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Further to the Amendment submitted November 7, 2008,
Applicants respectfully point out that the present invention as
claimed differs substantially from the Japanese reference relied
on by the Examiner for the following reasons:

In accordance with the present invention as claimed, the
device carries out only plasma descaling. The Japanese reference,